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NICOSIA FOR SECRETARY CLIFFORD FROM KUBISCH

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (CLIFFORD, CLARK M)  
SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM CARAMANLIS TO CLIFFORD

REF: NICOSIA 509

1. ON RECEIPT OF REFTEL I WAS ABLE TO REACH PETROS MOLYVIATIS IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND CONVEY THROUGH HIM YOUR MESSAGE TO CARAMANLIS. IN THE ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS, I ALSO GAVE IT TO MFA SECRETARY GENERAL BYRON THEODOROPOULOS FOR TRANSMISSION TO DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF, WHO IS ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER. BOTH MOLYVIATIS AND THEODOROPOULOS WERE EXTREMELY PLEASED TO HEAR YOUR MESSAGE AND KNEW THAT CARAMANLIS WOULD BE ALSO, ALTHOUGH THEY INDICATED SOME DISAPPOINTMENT TO LEARN THAT YOU WOULD BE UNABLE TO MAKE A REST STOP IN GREECE OVER THE WEEKEND ON YOUR WAY TO LONDON (HOWEVER, DOWN DEEP -- I SENSED -- THEY DID NOT REALLY EXPECT YOU TO COME BACK TO GREECE AND, INDEED, HAD A  
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RESERVATION ABOUT THE ADVISABILITY OF THIS IN THE LIGHT OF PROBABLE TURKISH AND CYPRIOT REACTIONS). MOLYVIATIS INDICATED TO ME THAT CARAMANLIS MIGHT VERY WELL HAVE A CORDIAL, RECIPROCAL MESSAGE FOR YOU IN A DAY OR SO.

2. MOLYVIATIS TELEPHONED ME THIS MORNING TO SAY THAT CARAMANLIS WOULD LIKE FOR ME TO PASS THE FOLLOWING

MESSAGE FROM CARAMANLIS TO YOU:

BEGIN TEXT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
MESSAGE. YOUR INVALUABLE OFFER FOR COOPERATION  
TOWARDS SETTling THE PROBLEMS WHICH CONCERN  
MY COUNTRY ENCOURAGES ME FOR THE FUTURE. I  
AM FURTHER STRENGTHENED BY THE EXCELLENT IMPRESSION  
WHICH I HAVE DERIVED FROM OUR PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE.  
END TEXT.

3. I TOLD MOLYVIATIS, WHO WAS CAREFUL AND SOMEWHAT MORE  
RESERVED IN HIS MANNER THIS MORNING, THAT I WOULD TRANSMIT  
CARAMANLIS' MESSAGE TO YOU AT ONCE AND KNEW YOU WOULD  
APPRECIATE IT.

4. COMMENT: I MAY HAVE BEEN IMAGINING IT -- ALTHOUGH I  
DON'T THINK SO -- BUT THE PHRASING OF CARAMANLIS'  
MESSAGE AND MOLYVIATIS' RESERVE TODAY MAY HAVE REFLECTED  
TO SOME EXTENT THEIR REACTIONS TO OVERNIGHT PRESS  
REPORTS OF PUBLIC REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO YOU BEFORE  
YOU LEFT ANKARA -- PARTICULARLY THE ONE THAT QUOTE  
...THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT FEEL THAT IT IS ANY  
AREA (THE AEGEAN) FOR IT TO INSERT ITS OFFICES.  
END QUOTE. AS YOU KNOW, THAT IS THE TURKISH POSITION  
BUT NOT GREECE'S GREECE WANTING THE U.S., ITS OTHER  
ALLIES AND INTERNATIONAL BODIES (UN AND ICJ) TO TRY  
AND BE HELPFUL TO GREECE AND TURKEY IN SETTling  
AEGEAN PROBLEMS AND EASING GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS.  
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